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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Axle Driving Apparatus**
Inventors: **OKADA et al.**
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3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. Request to Correct Inventorship In A Nonprovisional Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1);
5. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2) of A Person To Be Added As An Inventor;
6. Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application;
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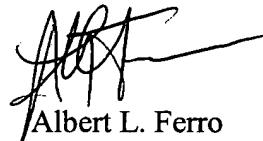
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